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1. MISSION POLAD KNOWS CHILEAN AMBASSADOR (AND RESREP TO IAEA) RENATO GAONA AND HIS DCM, SANTIAGO BENADAVA, MODERATELY WELL. WHILE THEY CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM ALLENDE GOVERNMENT LOYALLY, IT WAS QUITE CLEAR THEY WERE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT REGIME. THEIR REACTION TO OVERTHROW IDENTICAL TO THE EXPRESSED BY CHILEAN DEPPERMRP IN NEW YORK IN CONVERSATION WITH USUN: "REGRETTABLE BUT INEVITABLE."

2. AMBASSADOR GAONA IS MEMBER OF THAT WING OF RADICAL PARTY WHICH JOINED ALLENDE COALITION. HE IS AFFABLE MAN WHO HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO DEMONSTRATE FRIENDLINESS TOWARD HIS U.S. COLLEAGUES HERE OVER PAST TWO YEARS. WE REMEMBER PARTICULARLY HIS GRATITUDE FOR RECEIVING FROM US COPY OF ROMANIAN RESOLUTION ON CHIREP WHICH HE HAD TO VOTE FOR BUT WHICH ROMANIAN HAD NOT BOTHERED TO SHOW HIM. AS MEMBER OF IAEA BOARD, GAONA TOOK FLOOR AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE. HE HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS AMBASSADOR BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED.

3. BENADAVA HOLDS MASTERS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW
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FROM UNIVERSITY NORTH CAROLINA AND LIKE GAONA HAS

EXPRESSED INTEREST AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN WORKING CLOSELY WITH U.S. MISSION. HE STRIKES US AS INTELLIGENT AND MORE INTERESTED IN DIPLOMACY THAN HIS AMBASSADOR. (HE TOLD US RUEFULLY HIS MAIN INTEREST WAS THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT WAS UNLIKELY EVER TO SERVE THERE BECAUSE OF HIS JEWISH ANCESTRY.) BENADAVA TOLD US (PRE-COUP) OF HIS FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL PINOCHET DURING HIS LAST HOME LEAVE ON A PROBLEM CONNECTED WITH A NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR. HE ALSO TOLD US (POST-COUP) THAT HE HAD VOTED FOR ALLENDE ONCE, BUT NOT IN 1970 BECAUSE IT WAS CLEAR HE WOULD BE PRISONER OF PARTIES THAT SUPPORTED HIM. BENADAVA CANCELLED COCKTAIL PARTY HE WAS SCHEDULED GIVE ON SEPTEMBER 12, BUT HIS REACTION TO CRITICISM OF OVERTHROW DURING CURRENT IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE IS TO CHAFE AT HIS LACK OF CREDENTIALS AND TO WISH THAT HE COULD ATTEND TO DEFEND HIS COUNTRY AGAINST ATTACK.TAPE

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